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(C) On December 3 pol-mil officer delivered reftel points to Andrej Dogan the new Director of the MFA's International Security Department. Dogan expressed Croatia's support for ISAF and its operations. He noted that the Croatian parliament had approved an increase in the GoC's contribution to ISAF in 2008 but that Croatia could not expand beyond the approximately 300 troops already serving there in 2009. Dogan stated that Croatia might be interested in providing some civilian election observers, but that he would have to discuss the idea further within the MFA. WALKER